

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 757 - SB 878**

April 1, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation, to establish a statewide environmental contaminant biomonitoring program.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$1,473,300 Recurring  
\$363,100 One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$363,300\*  
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$363,300**

#### Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will need eight additional positions which includes three epidemiologists, an administrative secretary, a programmer analyst, two public health educators and one chemist.
- Such is estimated to increase recurring state expenditures by \$510,400 which includes salary and benefits (\$416,800), travel (\$24,000), printing and duplication (\$20,000), supplies (\$5,600), rentals and insurance (\$32,800), and communication and technology support services (\$11,200). One-time expenditures for office set-up and supplies will be \$31,200.
- The Department will also need an additional registered nurse 3 position for each of the seven rural regions. Such is estimated to increase recurring state expenditures by \$424,200 which includes salaries and benefits (\$359,800), travel (\$21,000), supplies (\$4,900), rentals and insurance (\$28,700), and communications and technology support services (\$9,800). One-time expenditures for office set-up and supplies will be \$27,300.
- The Department of Health has a contractual agreement with these local governments to provide the funds for services. Each of the six metros will need an additional registered nurse 3 position. Such will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$363,300 and an increase in local government revenues and expenditures of \$363,300.

- The Department of Health will also incur a one-time expenditure of \$300,000 for additional equipment including an ICP Mass Spec with Auto Sampler and a GC Mass Spec with Auto Sampler.
- The Department of Environment and Conservation will need an epidemiologist and an environmental program specialist to provide assistance and information to the panel and for collaboration with the Department of Health in testing and analyzing results.
- Such is estimated to increase recurring state expenditures by \$175,400 which includes salaries and benefits (\$128,357), travel (\$6,000), printing (\$31,043), office space rental (\$5,400), and communications and technology support services (\$4,600). One-time increase in expenditures for office-set up and supplies will be \$4,600.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director